

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please make the following amendments to the above-identified application provided herewith:

At page 1, line 3, please insert the following amended heading:

Description— BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, before line 28, please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 3, after line 7, please insert the following paragraph:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

The invention is illustrated by the following examples and figures. The figures show:

Figure 1: Determination of the NO_x storage efficiency

Figure 2: NO_x storage efficiency for various catalyst formulations in the fresh state

Figure 3: NO_x storage efficiency for various catalyst formulations after furnace ageing

Figure 4: NO_x storage efficiency for barium oxide on various support materials

Figure 5: NO_x storage efficiency for various catalyst formulations after furnace ageing

On page 3, before line 8, please insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

On page 6, lines 9-16, please delete the following paragraph:

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On page 14, delete the phrase "Claims" and replace it with the following:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: